

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the PCT application and the Japanese priority applications.

The abstract has been replaced with the abstract published in the PCT application.


The claims have been amended to delete improper multiple dependencies. Claim 13 has been amended to change "elastmeric" to --elastomeric--.

Examination of the application in light of these amendments is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,



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